

County News and Views

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From the Office of Fifth District Supervisor Jerry Eaves

Spay/Neuter Services for Muscoy

A contract has been approved with the San Bernardino Valley Humane Society to provide spay/neuter services from a mobile clinic to Muscoy. Locating a mobile clinic in various communities helps to make spay/neuter services more accessible. The Humane Society of San Bernardino Valley was incorporated in 1970 and has performed over 100,000 spay/neuter surgeries since the founding of its hospital in 1980. Earlier this year, the Society was awarded a \$200,000 grant by the DJ & T Foundation to purchase and outfit a 26-foot mobile spay/neuter clinic.

The County contract requires the San Bernardino Valley Humane Society to staff the mobile clinic with a veterinarian, a certified veterinary technician and a driver. The County will receive 50 days of service during the contract dates of October 30, 2001 through June 30, 2002. The San Bernardino Valley Humane Society is the primary contact for the mobile services. Their telephone number is 909-882-2934.

Free Dump Day A Success

On Saturday, October 27 27.12 tons of trash was removed from Muscoy during participation in Make A Difference Day.

"Kit for New Parents" Available

Practical parenting advice is available in English and Spanish from the "Kit for New Parents". The kit includes videos narrated by child development experts and celebrities such as Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, Dr. Antonio Novello, LeVar Burton, Jamie Lee Curtis, Gloria Estefan, Andy Garcia, Edward James Olmos, Phylicia Rashad, Cristina Saralegui and Maria Shriver.

The kit also includes a series of parenting brochures, a baby book and a resource guide to connect parents with local health-care services. The goal is for the kit to get into the hands of all parents of the roughly 25,000 babies born annually in the county.

"A child's brain develops most dramatically during the first three years of life and what parents and caregivers do during those early years makes a profound difference for the rest of their children's lives, said actor Rob Reiner who chairs the California Children and Families Commission.

The kit is designed to provide practical advice on the importance of the early years, child care, safety, health, nutrition, discipline and early literacy.

The \$25 million statewide media and distribution campaign is supported by revenue from Proposition 10, which added 50 cents to the price of a pack of cigarettes to pay for early childhood development programs.

The campaign was officially launched on November 1. The kits should be available shortly by calling the San Bernardino County Children and Families First Commission at (909) 386-7706.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 22, 28 and 29
Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic
The Grange
2162 Darby Street, Muscoy
Call the Humane Society at 882-4205 for an appointment.

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